(b) if so, what are reasons for long deal in setting up the projects; and

(c) by when these projects would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. There has been no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Institutes under Agriculture Research

†3525. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural research system set-up in the country is of largest size in the world;

(b) if not, the number of institutes under this system alongwith the number of employees and researchers thereof, separately; and

(c) the annual expenditure thereof alongwith success achieved by each institute during the last three years in research etc. by each institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. of Institutes 89 No. of Employees 30294 (Scientists 5054 Technicians 8223 + Administrative 5050 Supporting Staff 11967).

(c) The details of expenditure and research achievement are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 88]

Finance Facility for Crop Production

3526. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have the proposal under their consideration that the finance facility to poor farmers of Himachal Pradesh on the lines of the north east states, be given for their crop production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) There is no proposal other than ongoing Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the benefit of all categories of farmers, including the poor farmers of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Consumption of Coconut in Northern India

3527. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coconut Development Board has any plan to encourage consumption of coconuts in Northern India;

(b) has the Coconut Development Board done any survey on the economic feasibility of transporting coconuts from Andhra Pradesh to non-coconut growing areas;

(c) if so, what are the details of findings of this survey;

(d) whether any marketing campaign will be done by the Coconut Development Board to encourage use of coconut products from Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, details of such plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Coconut Development Board is encouraging consumption of coconuts in Northern India through its active participation in trade fairs, melas and exhibitions. The Board has programmes for promotion of product diversification and by product utilisation like packed tender coconut water, coconut cream, coconut skimmed milk powder, coconut vinegar and desiccated coconut.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) To promote utilisation of coconut by products like desiccated coconut powder, coconut milk powder and packaged tender coconut water, the Board has conducted consumer acceptability studies in Andhra Pradesh. The Coconut Development Board had conducted State level seminar on Processing